Introduction of Integrated Service Digital Network

7928. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to launch the Integrated Service Digital Network (ISDN) in DoT; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) Initially it is proposed to field-try ISDN in 9 selected cities which have new technology switching systems Capable of supporting ISDN.

Cancellation of Telephone Suppl Orders with Intdecom Limited

7929. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of COMUMNICA-, TIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telecommunications has cancelled orders placed with In-telecom Limited for the supply of 2.37 lakh new telephone lines;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is, also a fact that the Department of Telecommunications had earlier placed an order for one lakh new telephone lines with Intelecom in April, 1994, against a tender of 1992 for the supply Of large Telephone Exchange on lease finance basis, but subsequently the supplier, failed to respond for over a year; and

(d) if so, what are the masons for placing this big order when earlier commitment was not fulfilled by the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (d) A letter of Intent was placed on M['s. Intelecom Ltd. for supply of one lakh lines of new technology telephone equipment on lease finance basis in April, 1994.

They were also intimated about likely placement of additional order tor 1.37 lakh lines of equipment against the second tender for procurement of 17 lakh lines of new tech-nology exchange equipment-

While the company had submitted the required performance guarantee in time against the Letter of Intent, they failed to come forward for signing the finalised Material List as also to furnish the requisite certificates to spite of repeated reminders. In view of this, no firm Purchase Order was placed on the company against the Letter of Intent and procurement action against 1.37 lakh lines was also dropped.

Bi-Monthly Rent for Telephons in Ghaziabad Telecom District

7930. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: all the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that excess bi-monthly rent at the rate of Rs. 100 per km is charged beyond the local limit of 5 Kms. from the exchanges;

(b) whether it is also a fact that under the Ghaziabad Telecom Dist rict, normal rent is being charged from telecom subscribers at distance beyond 5 Kms. at Dasna, Airforce Station Dadri and Lal Kuan-GT Road Industrial area; and

(c) if so, what action is proposed to be taken to make up the loss of Government revenue for so many ears and to fix responsibility in this regard?